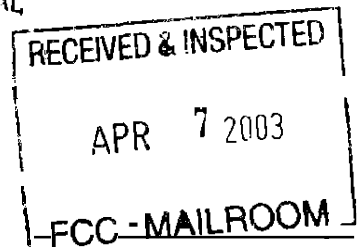


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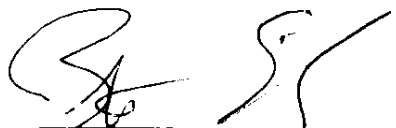
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This is to certify pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.809 that NPCR, Inc., d/b/a Nextel Partners, will use any Universal Service Interstate Access **Support** received in 2003 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of Nextel Partners. This certification is for the following study areas in the **State of Illinois**:

341011 FRONTIER OF LAKESIDE
341015 VERIZON NORTH-IL
341036 VERIZON N-IL(CONTEL)
341055 FRONTIER-MIDLAND
341183 CITIZENS TELECOMM-IL
343035 VERIZON S-IL(ALLTEL)



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